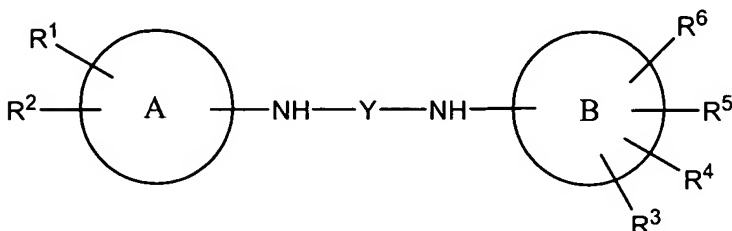


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 9-17 and amend claim 1 as follows.

1. (Currently amended) ~~Compounds~~ A compound of the formula (I)



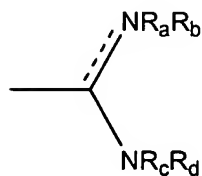
or a salt thereof, where

Y is C=O, C=S, C=NH, (C=O)₂ or SO₂

(A) and (B) are each independently an aromatic hydrocarbon group which optionally contains one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of S, O, and N, wherein the heteroatom N is optionally substituted with R', and/or the heteroatom S is optionally bonded to =O or (=O)₂;

R' is hydrogen, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, aminoalkyl, alkoxy, cyanoalkyl, alkyl or an unsaturated or saturated carbocyclic group selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, aryl, and heteroaryl;

R¹ is



where R_a and R_c are each independently hydrogen, -O-(CO)-R' (where R' is as defined above), hydroxyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, aminoalkyl, alkoxy, cyanoalkyl, alkyl or an

unsaturated or saturated carbocyclic group selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, aryl, heteroaryl; R_b is an optional substituent which may be independent of R_a and R_c and may be selected from the group as defined above for R_a and R_c ; R_d is hydrogen or one of the following groups:

$-(CO)-R_e$ where R_e is independently hydrogen, alkoxy, alkylthio, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyalkylamino, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, amino, aminoalkyl or alkylamino group;

$-(CH_2)_n-R_f$ where R_f is independently hydrogen, a hydroxy-alkyl, an alkyl, an allyl, an amino, an alkylamino, a morpholino, 2-tetrahydrofuran, N-pyrrolidino, a 3-pyridyl, a phenyl, a benzyl, a biphenyl or another heterocyclic group and n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

$-NR_aR_b$ where R_a and R_b are defined above;

or R_a forms together with R_d a 5- or 6- membered unsaturated or saturated heterocyclic ring which optionally has 0 to 3 substituents R'' ;

the dotted line means a double bond unless there is a substituent R_b , in the formula of R^1 as defined above.

R'' is independently hydrogen, alkoxy, alkylthio, aminoalkyl, halogen, $-CO_2R'$, $-CR'O$, haloalkyl, haloalkyloxy, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, hydroxyalkyl, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, amino, alkylamino or aminoalkyl group or a double bonded oxygen, wherein R' is as defined above;

R^2 is a hydrogen, a halogen, alkoxy, alkylthio, $-CO_2R'$, $-CR'O$, haloalkyl, haloalkyloxy, $-NO_2$, $-CN$, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkyl, aryl, amino, alkylamino or an aminoalkyl group;

R³ is a hydrogen, a halogen, haloalkyl, -NO₂, -CN, an alkyl or an aryl group;

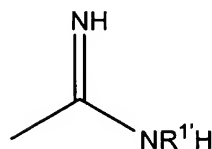
R⁴ is a hydrogen or a group capable of hydrogen bond formation except for a group as defined for substituent R¹;

R⁵ is hydrogen or, independently of R⁴, a group selected from the groups as defined above for R⁴;

R⁶ is hydrogen or, independently of R², a group selected from the groups as defined above for R²; and

with the proviso that ~~the a compounds~~ compound of the formula (I) ~~are~~ is not ~~a~~ a ~~compounds~~ compound

(a) in which Y is equal to C=O, both (A) and (B) are a phenyl group, and R¹ is the group

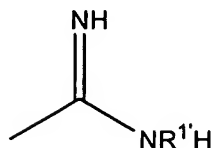


where R^{1'} is hydrogen or phenyl, R², R³, R⁵, and R⁶ are identical and are hydrogen and R⁴ is phenyl, benzyl, phenoxy, chloro or a dimethylamino group in the 3- or 4-position to the NH-Y-NH group of formula(I); ~~and~~ or

(b) ~~compounds~~ in which (A) and (B) are phenyl and R⁴, R⁵ or R⁶ are in the ortho-position to the NH-Y-NH group of formula (I).

2. (Currently amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound according to Claim 1 with the proviso

that the compounds of the formula (I) are not compounds in which Y is equal to C=O, (B) is a benzofuranyl, dibenzofuranyl, l-alkylindol or aryl (optionally substituted by alkyl, halogen, trihaloalkoxy or N,N-dialkylamino) and R¹ is the group



where R^{1'} is hydrogen, alkyl, acyl, aryl, l-alkylindolyl or alkylthio.

3. (Currently amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound according to Claim 1, wherein (A) and (B) are both a phenyl group.
4. (Currently amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound according to claim 1, wherein R², R³, R⁵, and/or R⁶ are hydrogen.
5. (Currently amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is an optionally substituted or cyclic amidine.
6. (Currently amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound according to claim 1, wherein R_a and/or R_c are hydrogen and/or R_b is not present.
7. (Currently amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound according to claim 1, wherein R⁴ is an arylsulphone, sulphonamide, alkylsulphonamide, arylsulphonamide, alkylsulphone or arylalkylsulfonamide where the substituents are independently one or more of the following groups: hydrogen, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, CONRR', SO²NRR', CO₂R and sulphonamide, where R and R' independently are as defined above.

8. (Currently amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound according to claim 1 as a medicament.

9-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one compound according to Claim 1 in combination with other active compounds.